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In re Application of
JOSE RAMON BOTELLA
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2002,¹ please amend the application as follows:

In The Specification:

On page 1, between original lines 3 and 4 please replace the current language which claims priority to earlier filed applications (added in the preliminary amendment filed with the application on September 25, 2000) with -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application

¹ Other than the form of presentation of the amended claims, this document is identical to the document previously executed by the Applicants on September 25, 2002 and received by the USPTO October 1, 2002.